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First year of PUC101 proves successful

Record numbers of freshmen show up for orientation

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

In its first mandatory year, the new freshmen orientation program PUC101 has exceeded expectations and become extremely successful.

Kristin Harkin, assistant director for student orientation, is very happy with the outcome of the program. She said the success was monitored by feedback collected from students, parents and family members that attended.

"We received overwhelmingly positive feedback," Harkin said. "The feedback indicated we accomplished the goals we set out to achieve."

The feedback concluded that 94 percent of the students found PUC101 useful, 91 percent met new people, 87 percent said all their questions were answered and 98 percent said the PUC101 staff and orientation leaders were approachable.

Harkin said she is in the process of deciding what changes, if any, will take place for the next set of PUC101 programs, scheduled to begin in October.

"I am still evaluating the feedback we've received from campus members and people who attended to make sure the next orientations run as smoothly."

Twenty-one orientation dates were offered this past summer, along with two international orientations and condensed sessions during open, late and adult registration.

In total 1,530 students and 768 parent and family members attended. This was an increase of 500 percent since last year, when only 274 students and 198 parent and family

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(Top) Orientation leaders discuss cultural differences with new international students at one of the international student orientations on Aug. 24.
(Side) PUC101 orientation leaders had an important role in the orientation events. They set up materials, greeted new students, performed skits, led discussions and gave campus tours.

Exploring 'War, Media and Propaganda'

Two PUC professors contribute to communication department head's ninth edited book

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Yahya Kamalipour, head of the communication department.

TERRIE HENDERSON
Editor in Chief

Enhancing understanding about international conflicts and the role of the media is the focus of a new book edited by PUC Professor of Communication and international media expert Yahya Kamalipour.

His ninth book, "War, Media and Propaganda: A Global Perspective," which will be available in September, was co-edited with Nancy Snow of the College of Communications at California State University, Fullerton. The book presents a multi-facetted and global discussion of war, media and propaganda by focusing on the media's role in global conflicts and the impact of globalization on media practices.

"A book like this provides a balance that is needed for us to understand what is going on," Kamalipour, head of the PUC Communication and Creative Arts Department, said. "Taken as a whole, the book answers many unanswered questions about the war on Iraq and the role the mass media plays in war time," Kamalipour said. "People in general are confused about the war in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and the war on terrorism and the erosion of privacy and freedom. People are hungry for accurate news and information."

The 272-page book, with a forward by Ben H. Bagdikian, former assistant managing editor for the National News of the Washington Post and former dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley, features an international cast of prominent authors, journalists, scholars and researchers who were selected by invitation.

The contributors include PUC Associate Professor of Communication Lee Artz and Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies Kathleen Tobin.

Artz's article, "War as Promotional Photo-op: The New York Times' visual coverage of the U.S. invasion of Iraq," focuses on media photographs during the first two weeks of the war in Iraq.

"News coverage, especially visuals, frames citizen understandings and attitudes," Artz said. "We nced to be media literate as we rely on mass media for critical decisions over life, death and war."

Tobin's article, "Threat or Ally?; U.S. Latin American Relations and the Middle East Conflict," examines how the United States maintained foreign policy with Latin America and how it affected relations.

Tobin said while our attention was focused on the Middle East, Mexico was working on an open immigration policy and Chile was working on a trade agreement, and the press overlooked these topics and the effects they would have on these countries and the rest of world.

"Latin American is neglected in our press and in a lot of academia," Tobin said.

Kamalipour said his hope is that the book will have a positive impact. He said the concluding chapter focuses on peace and what can be done to achieve peace.

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SPORTS: Flag Football kicks off season ENTERTAINMENT: 'Wrinkly Field'

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Let's get fit this fall!

The Fitness Center is offering several seminars this fall at 7 p.m., Thursdays in Room 129 of the Physical Education Recreation Building. Seminars include:

- Body Building Basics, Oct. 14— Basic introduction to body building for men and women, focusing on how to start, what kind of program, how many days of exercise, how many sets and reps, differences among barbells, dumbbells, selectorized machines and plate-loaded machines.

The presenter is Phil Faught, a personal trainer certified by the American College of Exercise, fitness management student, experienced body builder and former health club owner.

- Fall Frolic Final Tune Up: What to Do with 2 Weeks to Go, Oct. 28—Topics are how to train the final two weeks, how to taper training the last week, what to eat the night before and the morning of the race, how to warm up properly for the cold weather, what to expect at the starting line of the race and how to pace oneself. The Fall Frolic race will be held Sunday, Nov.14 at 9 a.m. It winds through campus and surrounding neighborhood streets.

The presenter is John Bobalik, coordinator of the Fitness Center, exercise physiologist and experienced runner.

- Nutrients to Fight Off a Cold and Flu, Nov. 4—Focuses on nutrients to support the immune system, lifestyle choices, what foods to eat and what not to eat, herbs and teas and a basic foundation to keep oneself in top condition as the flu season approaches.

The presenter is Mike Novakovich, owner of Healthy Horizons of Hammond. He has been in the health food industry for more than 23 years.

- Gear Up for Winter: Do's and Don'ts About Selecting Cold Weather Attire, Nov. 18—Focuses on how to dress for running all year, wearing a high technical fabric called Breathe Thermal that absorbs sweat and in turn heats up a runner, dressing in layers, gloves and hats.

The presenter is Bill Uffman, co-owner of Human Race Sports, runner and triathlete specialty stores located in Orland Park, Ill. and Valparaiso. Uffman is a veteran distance runner and competitive athlete.

- Dealing with Grief Around the Holidays, Dec. 9— Addresses how to celebrate during the holiday season while mourning the death of a loved one and/or dealing with other tragedies.

The presenter is Donelle Weiss, newspaper columnist and board member of the Hospice of the Calumet Area. Weiss is co-author with Faye Donovan of the column, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Coping with Death, which covers end-of-life issues, death and grief and is published weekly in The Times.

Though admission to seminars is free, advance registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Individuals can advance register by phoning the Fitness Center at 989-2175.

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Leaders inspired to be silver member award winners

The Center for Career Leadership and Development is offering students a chance to be a silver member in the inspired leaders series. Students pursuing a Silver Member Achievement Award must attend at least five workshops offered by CCLD. Specialization awards will also be awarded to students attending three workshops within the same category. Workshop categories include: leadership, personal and professional development, interpersonal communication, teamwork and job search skills. For more information about the workshops and to enroll visit www.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld.

Battle of the bands contest to take place on campus

The Student Programming Board is sponsoring a battle of the bands contest Nov. 19 from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. Tryouts for the contest will be held in the gym Oct. 4 and 6 at 7 p.m. A $500 gift certificate for Guitar Center will be awarded to the winning band. Tickets to watch the battle can be purchased in advance through SPB members for $3 or at the door the day of the contest for $5. For more information email Missy Horgash at vpofprogramming @yahoo.com or call her at (219) 308-5928.

Fellowship holds weekly meeting, "The Edge"

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship invites students to attend their Thursday night meetings, "The Edge!" The next meeting will be Sept. 30 at 8:30 p.m. next to the SFLC game room. Stick around to play games and have fun.

Human resource society features guest speakers

The Society for Human Resource Management is holding meetings every other Tuesday. Each meeting features a guest speaker. The next meeting will be Sept. 28. Questions can be directed to pucshrmpres@yahoo.com

Sorority seeks to recruit prospective members

The Delta Gamma Pi MC Sorority Eta Theta Chapter seeks prospective members. Students interested in joining must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be at least a second semester freshman. For more information on the sorority go to http:/www.geocities.com/deltagammapi_eta_theta or call Toni at (219) 718-7506, Heather at (219) 678-9295 or Gina at (219) 765-5082.

Meeting used to collect ideas for new SGA structure

Students are encouraged to attend a meeting to voice their opinions about what should be done to have effective representation of students at PUC. The meeting will be held Sept. 30 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Room With a View, SFLC-150D. To register visit www.calumet.purdue/ccld/calendar. Food will also be provided at the meeting.

Attention students attending law or graduate school

An informational seminar on attending law school or graduate school will be held Oct. 13 from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. The seminar will cover topics such as testing, applying and attending law or graduate school. The seminar will be given by Professors Saul Lerner and Frank Colucci. For more information contact the Department of History and Political Science at (219) 989-2347 or visit the department in CLO-215.

School unveils changes in sports marketing

Join the Fitness, Wellness and Sports Department Sept. 30 at noon in the SFLC concourse for the unveiling of the new sports brand mark. The entire campus is invited to hear and see the changes in sports marketing at PUC. There will be free gifts, contests and snacks available during the announcement. For more information call (219) 989-2540.

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Undergraduate research has 'sweet' results

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It all started when an article about "comfort foods" triggered PUC Professor Sandra Singer's taste for additional research. Singer contacted students Natalie Forburger, a Highland resident, and Tiffany Korman, a Whiting resident, who were also craving an interesting research project to devour.

The three decided to replicate a study regarding foods that seem to provide psychological comfort, especially when someone is feeling tired or stressed. These foods are often referred to as comfort foods.

The original study, "Exploring Comfort Food Preference Across Age and Gender," conducted by Brian Wansink, Matthew Cheney and Nina Chan of the University of Illinois Champaign - Urbana, found significant differences between the comfort foods that men and women choose when they are stressed. That study determined that men strongly prefer comfort foods that take some preparation such as pasta or stew, while women prefer snacks requiring little or no preparation such as ice cream or candy bars.

While Wansink covered a wide variety of age categories, the new research conducted by PUC students focused on the results of young adults, more specifically, undergraduate students at the university.

The PUC research team's findings differed somewhat from the original study. Of the 250 PUC students surveyed, the majority of women and men had fewer strong differences in comfort food preferences. In general, both men and women preferred many of the same comfort foods and most of them require very little preparation. For example, PUC men noted burgers, ice cream and chips as their top three choices. PUC women noted ice cream, chips and candy as their top three.

The team is still analyzing data from the summer.

"We want to continue the research," Forburger said. "Hopefully one day it can get published."

Singer said undergraduate research not only helps students prepare for graduate school, it provides students with experience that may help smooth the admissions process.

"In psychology, if you want to get into a good graduate program, it really helps to have done some undergraduate research," Singer said.

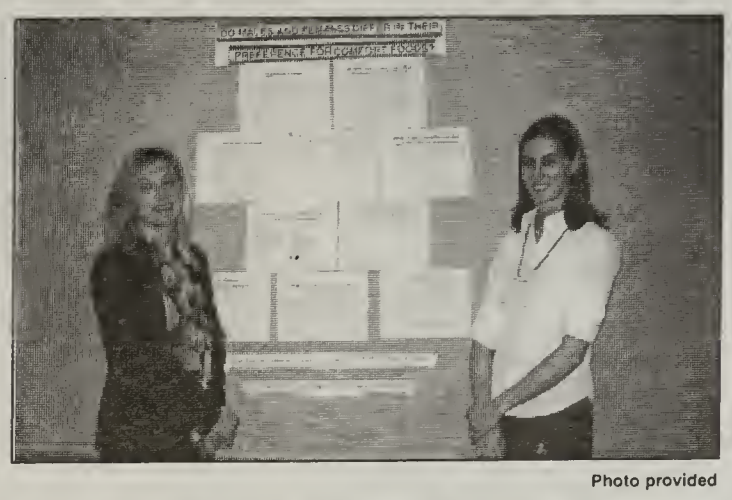
Earlier this year, the two undergraduate research students made a presentation at the 18th National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

They displayed their research in a poster session among about 200 other colleges.

The students also gave a presentation of their research findings at the 23rd Annual Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

Singer said the travel funds for the conferences came from the Undergraduate Research Program at PUC.

The hard work paid off for Forburger. She was accepted to the Illinois School of Professional Psychology for clinical psychology.



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Students Natalie Forburger and Tiffany Korman present their research at a poster session at the 18th National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis.

"I'd like to become a therapist," Forburger said.

Korman, currently a senior, said that her immediate plans after graduation include getting married, but she said graduate school is definitely an option.

"It's a lot of work to put in, and you have to take your time, but when you see what you can accomplish, you know it's worth it," Korman said. "You can apply that to anything in life."

Singer said that it is an interesting question to ask oneself: What is your "comfort food?"

Laughing, Korman disclosed her favorite comfort food.

"Mine is chocolate," she said.

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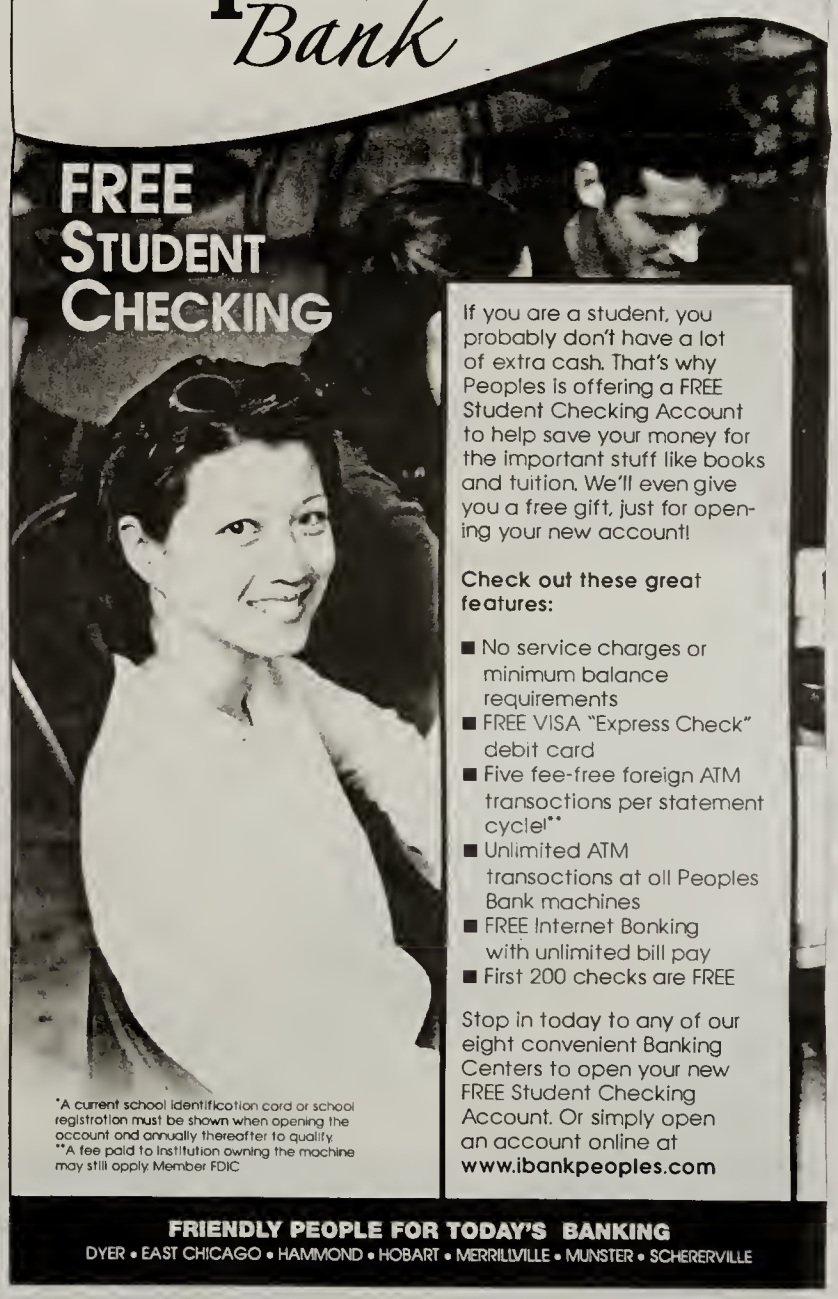

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Undergraduate research beneficial

Undergraduate Research is one of the many ways students can maximize their overall college experience and is something more students should look in to. Most students are unaware of the opportunities available to them on campus, but similar to internships, students need to do a little bit of work in order to find what doors could open.

Overall, the university seems not only supportive of, but open-minded to various types of undergraduate research efforts. In fact, they are so supportive that there is an Undergraduate Research Program that students can approach for funds to present, prepare for and help fund any research they might do. Students of all majors can take advantage of undergraduate research, so this is something to be aware of when taking into account what you would like to gain from your college experience.

Traditionally, when one thinks of research, it might sound somewhat boring or highly complicated. While it unquestionably involves a lot of work, to look at undergraduate research as boring would be a very narrow minded way of approaching something that could prove to be one of the most interesting and even helpful courses of a student's undergraduate studies.

For Example, the 2004 documentary completed by a team of PUC students titled "Chantilly Lace: The True Story of J.P. Richardson," which was based on the life of rock and roll's "The Big Bopper," is a perfect example of interesting undergraduate research.

Undergraduate Research provides students with an opportunity to dive into a topic that intrigues them. With the help of a professor of their choosing, they can get credit for not only pursuing a special interest, but also gaining knowledge of research methods.

In the study on comfort foods, students Tiffany Korman and Natalie Forburger not only worked with a professor they got to choose, but were able to select a topic that they found interesting. The Undergraduate Research Program helped them fund trips to present their research.

In order to start undergraduate research, this is what you will need to do.

1. Have an idea or concept you want to challenge or explore.

2. Select a professor in your field and approach them with the research idea. Hopefully, they can help guide you through the process, once they see you have taken an interest in doing undergraduate research.

3. Look into the Undergraduate Research Program to see what it can do to assist you with the program. You can find information on the website regarding grant deadlines, applications and general information on the program, amongst other things. The web site for the program is http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ems/urp-main.html.

There are also other values to undergraduate work than just digging into a topic you enjoy and gaining intrinsically from the experience. As Professor Sandra Singer said, undergraduate research does reflect highly on a student who is thinking about pursuing graduate studies or when trying to get a job where the research project may serve as some sort of training. Doing undergraduate research very well could help to get your foot in the door of a graduate program or a job in your field.

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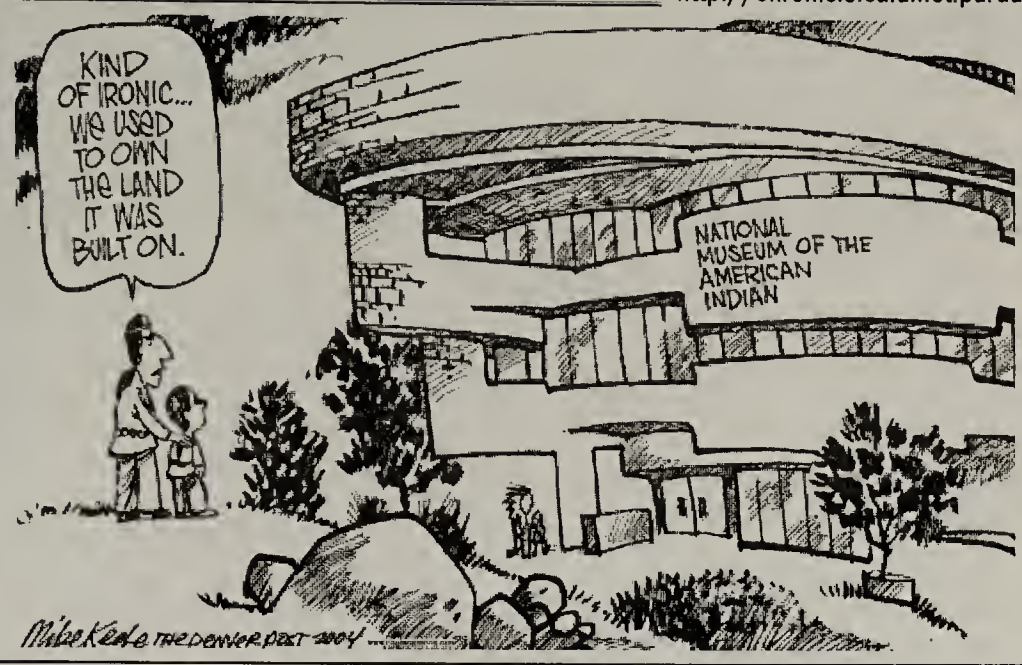
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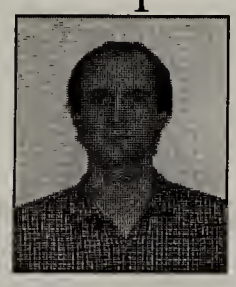
Students can help solve parking problem



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Chief Copy Editor

An interesting thing happened to me the other day when I got to campus.

It was around 12:30 pm. on a Tuesday and as usual parking was full, students were rushing to class and cars were circling the parking lot desperate for any parking spot on campus.

I was driving through the parking lot when I coasted by a student who waved as I drove by and asked me if I was looking for a parking spot. I told him I was. The student then told me I could have his parking spot because he was leaving.

He left and I honked, waved, parked and headed into class. As I was walking to the CLO building I noticed another student do the same for another person searching for a spot. I realized at that moment that students are trying to help each other though the parking problem.

The administration is trying to help out the students with this dilemma but despite whatever the administration does with shuttles or any other temporary solution that can conjure up, as students we have the power to solve this problem ourselves. And from the helpfulness I've been seeing from the students in the parking lot, I'm thrilled to be able to say that students are doing a great job.

Recently, I got this urge to check out some very far back issues of the Chronicle from the archives. The first two years of its publication, 1980 and 1981, were full of articles and editorials about the parking problem they had back then.

They talked about parking permits, new parking lots, angry residents that live next to campus, paving in new parking spots over grassy fields and I kid you not, an idea to construct a three to four story parking garage behind the Porter building.

That was over 20 years ago and I've come to the conclusion that this parking problem is never ever going away. Even decades from now I'm sure the student will grumble about hover cars in non-designated areas because there are not enough "hover car" designated parking spots to accommodate everyone.

Forget trying to solve this parking problem, it'll never happen. Instead, as students, let's keep on doing what we're doing; helping each other out. We can make the problem go away ourselves by working together.

This doesn't even have to stop at the parking lot. By helping each other out with this parking the students have proved they can rise to the occasion. This might have been a non-organized thing, so imagine what the student body would be capable with a little organization.

There are several groups on campus that could always use more input and with the SGA getting reorganized this is a perfect opportunity to get involved with the school.

For those who can't get involved more, don't worry. It's the small things that can help make big changes. If all we can ask of you is to keep pointing out those empty parking spots, then in my book, that's more than enough.

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The dangers of SUVs

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Sport Utility Vehicles are an extremely common sight on the roads today and seem to be everyone's vehicle of choice, but I have to ask, why is this?

Is it because most people who own them get down and dirty and go off-roading?

Nope, that can't be the answer. According to Newsweek only five percent of SUVs are ever taken into the wilderness. In fact, most of them are used for everyday driving.

Well then maybe the answer lies in the gas mileage they get.

Sorry to say, but that can't be the answer either. The Environmental Protection Agency says SUVs are contributing to our country's dependence on imported oil. They use so much gas, that in turn we are importing more than half of the oil we use, which is the highest in U.S. history.

The government's Energy Information Administration indicates that the U.S. uses more than three billion barrels of oil per year on passenger cars and light trucks. If these current rates of consumption continue, the world's remaining resources of conventional oil will be used up in just 40 years. Scary thought, isn't it?

Unfortunately that is not the only scary fact. The EPA also says SUVs are significantly contributing to global warming.

This is because every gallon of gasoline your vehicle burns puts 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Scientific evidence strongly suggests that the rapid buildup of CO2 and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are raising the earth's temperature and changing the earth's climate with potentially serious consequences. Choosing a vehicle that gets 25 rather than 20 miles per gallon will prevent 10 tons of CO2 from being released over the lifetime of your vehicle.

So, with all these facts, why are car dealers manufacturing more and more SUVs then ever and why are people still buying them?

Reasons might include, having to haul children around, feeling safe on the roads or simply just liking the look of the vehicle.

These reasons are hardly good enough. Twenty years ago people didn't need an SUV to haul children around. A station wagon was good enough. For that matter, a normal car was good enough. If the average American has only two or three children, the back seat of the car is usually big enough.

Some people say buying an SUV is a safety issue.

Well, I guess ignorance is bliss then because even though SUVs may tower over cars, giving drivers the feeling that they are safe, studies show that because SUVs were originally marketed for off-road use, they were developed with high suspensions and narrow wheelbases. Because many SUVs have high centers of gravity due to high suspensions, combined with top heavy designs and narrow wheelbases, they are particularly susceptible to rollovers when a driver is forced to make an evasive maneuver at highway speed. Because of this, SUVs are nearly four times more likely to roll over than regular cars.

Other people just like the way SUVs look or think that driving an SUV gives them some sort of "higher status."

These are the people I really feel sorry for. They don't realize what SUVs are doing to our environment.

Everyone needs to stop and think before buying these gas-guzzling, sometimes dangerous vehicles. Our future and our children's futures are at stake here.

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members attended.

Tiffany Conover, graduate assistant for orientation, said students have been approaching her and telling her how at ease they feel since attending orientation.

"Students from the sessions come up to me and tell me how comfortable they feel," Conover said. "They don't seem like typical lost freshmen."

Conover said orientation days were around five hours long. She said a typical day begins with an introduction. Students are given a bag with bookstore information, PUC101 information and a student planner. Students are then given the chance to meet each other and the13 orientation leaders are introduced.

The orientation leaders perform skits of typical problems freshmen may go through including, dealing with stress, personal safety, study skills, academic integrity and getting lost in class.

"I think presenting these things in skits was more useful because students could relate better," Conover said.

After the skits, student employment opportunities are discussed with presentations given by UPS and the student employment coordinator, Cathy Taylor.

When students are done learning about student employment, they get to learn about financial aid options.

Amy Flagg, a freshman majoring in preoptometry, found the discussion about financial aid helpful.

"I learned a lot at orientation and ended up getting some really good information on financial aid," Flagg said.

Katie Templeton, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, disagreed with Flagg.

"I was really bored at the orientation because I had already been informed about the campus and especially the financial aid."

When financial aid is finished being discussed students get to personalize their day by participating in breakout sessions. These sessions include topics such as "the freshmen 15", study skills and career exploration.

Lunch is then served and students get the chance to mingle with each other.

The rest of the day consists of an informational session on how to register for classes, a tour of the campus and a tutorial of how to use campus computers.

Jennifer Hastings, a freshman majoring in communications, thought orientation was overall helpful, but liked getting shown around campus the best.

"Orientation made me feel very comfortable about coming here," Hastings said. "I liked the building tours because they got me more familiar with the campus"

Raul Barajas, a freshman majoring in pharmacy agreed with Hastings.

"It was informative, I liked how the orientation leaders showed me around," Barajas said.

Book

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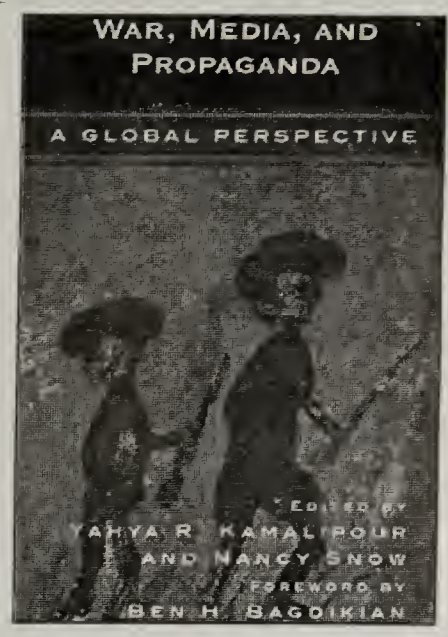
Kamalipour said his goal with the book is to provide citizens with another source for information and "the promotion of a better society and future for all of us.

"No single source will give you all the facts, but as citizens, it is our responsibility to gather facts," Kamalipour said. "A functional democratic system is based on providing sufficient and reliable information to the citizens. It is based on that information that citizens can participate in the political process."

Information about "War, Media and Propaganda," along with Kamalipour's other edited books, is available at www.kamalipour.com.



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Chicago pugs draw record numbers at 'Wrinkly Field'

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More than 550 snorting, wrinkly-faced, curly-tail wagging pug dogs showed up for the biannual pug crawl on the north side of Chicago.

Pugs, which were traditionally bred as companion pets for Chinese royalty in 150 B.C., are notorius for their human-like behaviors and constant affection.

This fall's pug crawl was held on Sept. 18 near Lincoln Park at the New City YMCA on a grassy field deemed 'Wrinkly Field' by pug enthusiasts.

The pugs and their owners began arriving at noon along with other spectators to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers, a chance to purchase different pug paraphernalia and to chat with other pug owners.

The crawl featured a 'pug pen', a fenced in area with a water bowl in the middle where owners could let their pugs off the leash to play together. Generally friendly and social in nature, many of the pugs used the opportunity to mingle with fellow canine relatives and be ogled at by the spectators.

Also characteristic of their breed, some pugs preferred to stay out of the pen to loyally trail their owners around.

Some came dressed in costume, including a tuxedo, a bumblebee, a skunk, a princess and a Hawaiian-themed pug.

Pug lovers came from near and far to witness the famous Chicago pug crawl.

Teresa Sheppard, of Niles, Mich., traveled 107 miles with her two pugs, Samson and Tess.

"I thought this would be a blast and it is," Sheppard said. "We never see any pugs where we live and mine begged me to come. They always end up getting what they want."

Susan Corral, of Lakewood, Ill., didn't have to travel as far, but also came to have a good time with her pug, Moe.

"We wanted to show off Moe and compare him to the other pugs, but of course we think he's the best," Corral said.

To close the five-hour day of festivities, a parade of pugs filled the YMCA's baseball field. Owners and their pugs pranced around the bases, waiting for their pug's name, age and hometown to be called.

Founder of the pug crawl and Chicago resident, Ben Friedman, started the pug party craze back in 1993 when he was the manager of a Lincoln Park bar called The Local Option. His pug Knuckles worked with him greeting and visiting customers on the nights he bartended from 1987 through 1999. Some of the customers were even inspired to get a pug of their own.

Friedman held a birthday party for Knuckles in 1994, and five pugs showed up. The party was such a hit with the patrons that he decided to continue to throw more parties and invite more pugs.

"Basically I just wanted to see how many pugs I could get in one room," Friedman said. It [the pug crawl] keeps growing; this year is the largest yet. This may end up being the biggest pug party in the country."

The pug crawl was actually held in a series of different bars until last year, when Friedman decided it was getting too crowded and had to be held somewhere bigger. This was the second fall that the crawl was held at the YMCA.

The next pug crawl will be held in May 2005 at a location yet to be determined. For more information on upcoming pug crawls visit www.pugparty.com

Photo by Kendra Jessen

These three pugs, Buster (tuxedo pug), Sammy (skunk pug) and Pugsley (bumblebee pug), soak up the attention they receive for coming to the pug party dressed in costume.

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This group of pugs takes advantage of being let off the leash to enjoy themselves in the 'pug pen'. Spectators stand next to the fence and laugh at the antics of these kind creatures.

Resident Evil: Apocalypse fails to capture the atomsphere of game

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Resident Evil: Apocalypse follows the same storyline as the Resident Evil video game, but isn't nearly as scary.

TERRENCE ISBELL
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I like Milla Jovovich...really, I do. Anyone that can go from playing an orange-haired alien girl wrapped in bandages to Joan of Arc to the lead in the movie version of one of my favorite video games most definitely is near the top of my "people I don't hate" list.

I liked what she did in the first Resident Evil, even if that movie did seem to want to cater more to the mainstream than it did to the fans. Here we are, two years later, and with the first movie ending on such the morbid note that you knew there had to be a sequel. Resident Evil: Apocalypse is that sequel, and while it does get a few things right, it unfortunately gets just as much wrong.

If you're still reading this, chances are that you know what the whole RE thing is, but if you just happened upon this article by chance, it's a video game series that basically is paying homage to all of their zombie flicks of old, putting you in control of the main character as they attempt to figure out what exactly caused the population of Raccoon City to become flesh eating dead walkers almost overnight.

While the storyline of the game is pretty much there in the movie, it seems like they took JUST enough of it to make the fans go, "Dude! I remember her from the game! I fought that thing just the other night!" Other than that, this movie could've been any number of action/adventure movies recently released, only not as well done.

We still get Milla Jovovich as Alice, who had the unfortunate bad luck of being captured by the Umbrella Corp. and experimented on while unconscious at the end of the previous movie. Upon awakening, she escapes their evil corporate clutches and makes it topside, only to be alone in the city, thanks to the T-Virus released by her captors. Along with a group of people that were lucky enough not to be transformed into zombies, she tries to make it through the city alive long enough to take down Umbrella before they can do anymore damage.

I mentioned that they took bits and pieces of the original game series, and those bits and pieces are the only things that kept me remotely interested. Aside from the requisite zombie dogs, assorted zombies and other enemies, this time around Alice meets up with Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory), Olivera (Oded Fehr) and the Nemesis (Matthew Taylor), all of RE: Three Carlos.

Jill wears the exact same outfit, hairstyle and has a voice similar to the game character, which kicked the movie up a notch for me. Nemesis's appearances, however, brought it right back down, as he was nowhere near as intimidating and creepy as the game character. He was more or less just a Terminator-type enemy that they have to keep pummeling until he falls, then gets up again and then falls again.

Mike Epps is L.J., some requisite comic relief, who we all know is going to get his sooner or later. The cast does the best with what they're given, but what they're given isn't all that much.

A major complaint about the whole production is that it just wasn't scary. That's it, plain as day. The first movie at least attempted to provide cheap scares, but this one just seems to not care whether the game series is honored or not by at least providing similar scenarios and it becomes another shoot 'em up fest. It's understandable if liberties must be taken, but there are no instances in the game where any of the lead characters gain superhuman strength, are able to run down the side of a building or are able to jump kick oncoming zombies, killing them in one fell swoop.

It's obvious that the director gradually went from moody suspense to "blow up every set piece we have" throughout the course of the movie. I wanted to give Resident Evil a chance so badly, but like the undead that Alice and Jill have to keep beating sense into, I was just a glutton for punishment.

Resident Evil

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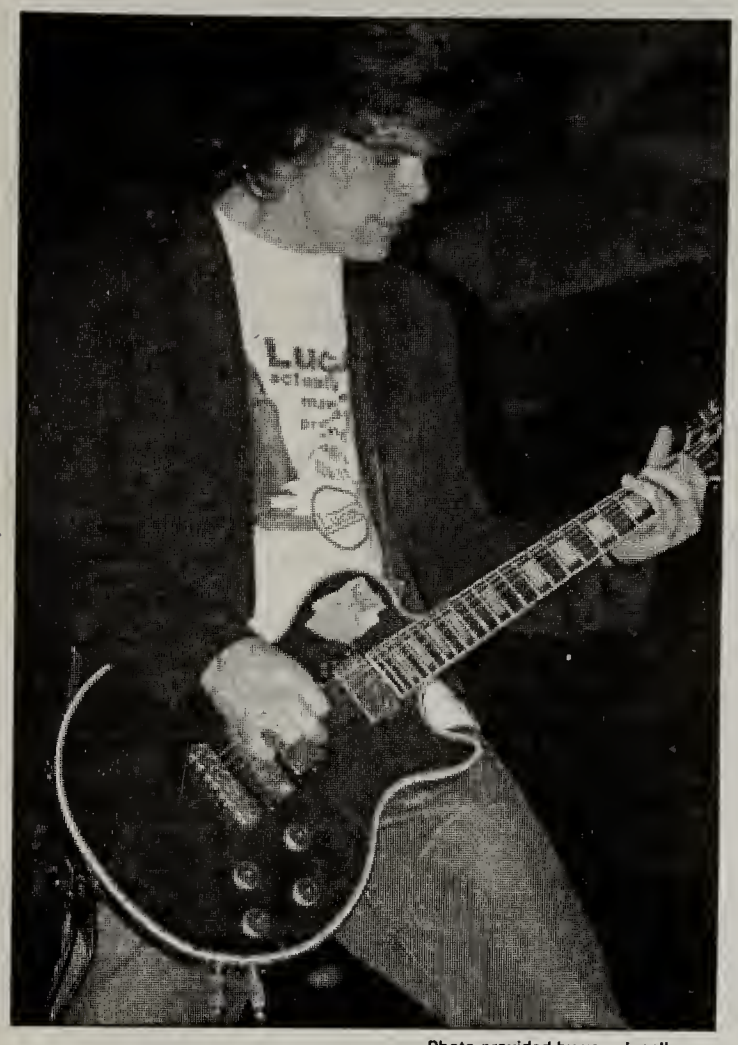
Local H creates atmosphere of underground show



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Lead singer/guitarist Scott Lucas of Local H.

MIKE FINNEY
Staff Writer

As they started their set, Local H's performance was fueled by sweat and a bottle of Kentucky bourbon. The Zion-based neighborhood rock heroes Local H performed at the Valparaiso Popcorn Festival on Sept. 11.

As my friend Curt and I walked into the converted parking lot, we were greeted by the 400-500 person crowd waiting to see Local H play. Singer/guitarist Scott Lucas indulged a bottle bourbon as he got the crowd ready for more music with a conversation involving some fans and by shouting, "I love you, you love me" into the microphone in a call-and-response style toward the audience. Drummer Brian St. Clair's long hair flew through the air as he pounded out the rhythms. The people watching enjoyed the show by singing along, moshing and yelling in the pauses.

After working through the set that included "High Fivin' MF," "That's What They All Say" and "Cooler Heads," Scott set his guitar on fire with his colorful and resourceful use of effects pedals. The show ended with him manipulating his guitar's feedback and a droning keyboard featuring delay and whammy noises.

The next night the band played at Riehle Bros 2 warehouse in Lafayette. The show was organized by a promoting company called Herban Music. The owners of the company perform for the shows they put together under the band name Alienz Lie. The shows and tours are done with a do-it-yourself method. The DIY mentality means planning and funding out of the little guys pocket with no 'big dollar' sponsors.

Many bands played before Local H took the stage, which was more like a riser that put the band a foot off the ground. This created a very intimate setting for the 100 to 150 people assembled for their show. Its atmosphere was that of an underground show in any town across our country.

Local H didn't disappoint. The crowd knew all the words to their hits that we had heard the night before. But they also sang along to and moshed to "Hands on the Bible" and "Half-Life." Those two songs are more obscure, but popular, newer tracks.

Somewhere during their two hour set, they broke into their latest single "California Songs." This track is the first single from their newest record "Whatever Happened to P.J.Soles?" The crowd cheered emphatically at its piper-like guitar riff intro. The guitar's tone was washed in reverb effect just as it appeared on the record.

The set wound down with a few more songs and Lucas tried to prepare his keyboard for the big rock ending. After some technical problems with the soundboard and his equipment, he scrapped the idea and conceded in an annoyed but accepting tone,

"It's a just really cool sound," Lucas explained.

Instead of the grand finale, they played one final song. The remarkable thing about the incident was Lucas's ability to replace the problem with a solution and not get upset. It seemed that he genuinely wanted that sound effect to work so the crowd could experience its magnitude.

Those two shows were my first time experiencing Local H. The band originated from the Illinois/Wisconsin border town, Zion, Ill, recording their first album, "Ham Fisted" in 1995. Lucas and St. Clair set a great example for the local rock scene by moving into different musical phases in their careers. Although they are not on a major label or get the same national press and airplay as they did in mid-90s. Local H still comes out to win the day with their live shows that establish them as local area rock heroes.

For more information on Local H visit:
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As with any implementation of an enterprise level application, we have experienced performance and access issues, some more severe than others. In order to provide as much support to the students and faculty using Vista as possible, we are providing the following events and services.

Student Support Sessions

We will host four open forums for students. These sessions will focus on the issues that students face accessing Vista, using the software, navigating through the system, etc. The sessions are being held in **SFLC 321** on:

- Monday, September 27 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 29 at 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Faculty Training and Support

A variety of events and services are currently being planned for implementation beginning in October. Full details of each of these services will be provided through email in the next couple of weeks.

- Vista User Group meetings to share ideas and issues
- Introductory training sessions for new faculty
- Targeted training on specific tools for new and continuing faculty
- Presentations comparing the features and functionality of Blackboard and Vista.
- Introduction of the Exemplary Course project

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Monday night flag football kicks off at PUC

CARL HUIZENGA
Staff Writer

The intramural flag football season is underway.

Last Monday, 14 teams in two conferences, the American Flag Football Conference and the National Flag Football Conference opened the season. The 14 teams that are playing this season represent the biggest turnout yet in intramural flag football.

Assistant Sports Coordinator Pete Fagan Jr. said, "I was impressed by the turnout we had this year."

The growth is due to good turnout, teams from previous seasons and what other students see or hear of the sport.

Flag Football as a PUC intramural is currently in its fourth year. The sport was added to the intramural list after an Erector Spinae Universitas tournament a few years ago.

There are some general rules ranging from roster requirements to slaughter rules. The minimum requirement for a team to play is four players and teams can have a maximum of eight players. These players must be members of the Total Fitness Center.

The games are played in ten minute halves and if necessary an additional sudden death overtime. The offensive team has three downs to get a first down in which they must complete two completions by a forward pass past the line of scrimmage. The defensive team may blitz once and rush twice after a five - one thousand count in the set of downs.

After the first week of games there were some teams that looked well prepared. Other teams were still working out the bugs like the Boilermakers.

Mike Dennehe, a freshman nursing major who play with the Boilermakers said, "We didn't know all the guys on the team. We started off slow at the beginning but we picked up the pace later."

Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik thought that there were some issues in week one that he hopes are resolved in future weeks.

"Week one went pretty good. There was a timing problem, and two teams had individuals who had yet to meet each other," Dudzik said.

Dudzik also said that some rules that deal with time management need to be reevaluated, and that the whole officiating staff needs to be present because of the large number of teams in the league this season.

Dudzik predicted that the Pro Bowlers, Sofa King Good, Guess He Back It, and War Party would be the teams to beat. Dudzik also said that Pete Wartek is a player to watch, having played in the last two championship games.

Week 1 Results:

Sofa King Good 42, Pro Bowlers 35 (OT)
Shockers 56, Nobots 28
Curtis Enis All-Stars 33, PUC Colts 21
A Level 4 Hurricane 28, PUC Bears 21
Nigerian Nightmares 35, Wishboners 42 (OT)
Look Out! 21, War Party 49
Guess He Back It 63, Boilermakers 45

Men's Soccer Club loses 4-3 in Fair Haven Baptist rematch

Photo by Carl Huizenga

Milan Dakic (13) moves the ball up to midfield as Fair Haven's Steve Boots (6) chases after him trying to retrieve the ball. The rematch took place in Chesterton on Sept. 17.

Peregrines sighted on campus

Falcon enthusiasts are on the watch for a pair of peregrine falcons that have been spotted near PUC's PER building and around the school housing, which is under construction.

Rob Jensen, director of the Fitness, Wellness & Sports, first caught a glimpse of the peregrines during a morning workout. According to Jensen, he watched the pair of birds soar and glide through the autumn sky. He speculated there might be a nest nearby, and he contacted a local chapter of the Audubon Society.

Two members of the society came to the campus to observe the birds and attempted to locate a nest. They suspect the species as peregrines based on the size and coloring of the falcons. Peregrines are goldish-white or black with gray streaks on their bodies, wings, and tail feathers.

Locally, peregrines have been making a tremendous resurgence due to the active efforts of many companies and bird enthusiasts. Purdue Calumet's Department of Fitness, Wellness and Sports will be making an announcement regarding Peregrine's on campus at 12 noon on Thursday, September 30th in the SFLC Concourse.

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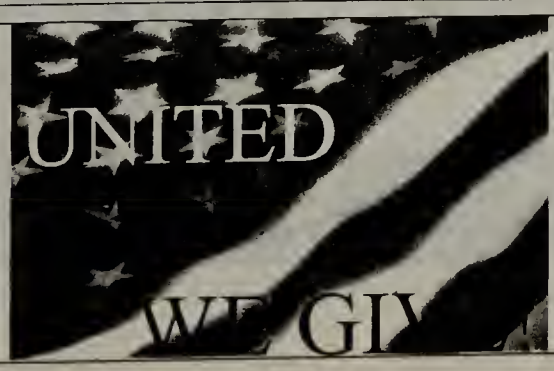

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